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In Re Application of: Surazki, et al.

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSITIONING COMFORT NOISE IN AN  
IP-BASED TELEPHONY SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action issued for the mailed on February 5, 2004, Applicant offers the following amendment and response to Office action. This amendment and response addresses every ground for objection or rejection cited in the Office action.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously amended) A method for reducing the transition that occurs when real background noise is replaced by comfort noise in an IP telephone, said IP telephone having a TX unit, said method comprising:

determining, by said TX unit of said IP telephone, whether silence exists;